CHILDREN COMMITTEE

February 21, 2013

CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee.

H.B. 6400, "An Act Concerning Mandated Reporters and Requiring Criminal History Records Checks for Youth Camp Directors and Alternate Directors"

This bill would require that municipalities and others running youth camps require persons to submit to state and national criminal background checks if such persons paid or volunteer directors and assistant directors.

CCM is unaware of the fiscal impact such a proposal would have on towns and cities. We urge the Committee to obtain a fiscal note prior to voting on this proposal.

If there is a fiscal impact on municipalities, the State should wave costs associated with criminal background checks for municipal youth camp directors and assistant directors.

Thank you.



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